

SYNOPSIS.

## CHAPTER V .- Continued.

On one side of us the bank fell away with such precipitancy that when we once succeeded in dragging our load to the edge, we experienced no difficulty in sending it crashing down-The body plunged through the thick underbrush at the bottom of the oggre, where I knew it would be compietely hidden, even in the glare of daylight, from the spying eyes of any troopers riding hard upon our track. As we rapidly worked on this disagreeable task, I thought and planned; two horses and three riders-one of these a woman in need of protection -a dispatch to be delivered by day tight, at all hazards. It was indeed a difficult proposition, and I saw only a single possible solution. One of our number must press on; two of us must remain behind. Which one? what two? If I rode with the dispatch (and how eagerly I longed to do so!) and succeeded in bringing Lee's message safe to Longstreet, it meant much to me-promotion, disfinction, honor. On the other hand, If I remained behind, and Craig successfully carried out the duty which had been especially intrusted to me, # should be fortunate indeed to escape with a reprimand instead of more serious consequences. If failure resulted, it meant certain and deserved dis-Yet I could absolutely trust him with the dispatch; he was a soldier, and would faithfully perform a soldier's duty. More, he would carry the message with even greater certainty than I, for he knew the roads much better, and-I write the words nesitatingly-I could not trust him there alone with the woman.

I glanced aside at him as I thus turned the perplexing situation over in my mind-a tall, gaunt mountaineer, whose sole discipline of mind and body had been the army; hardened by service until every muscle in his lean, snewy frame was like steel, a cavalryman who would follow his leader into the very jaws of hell, but whose morals were those of the camp, and whose face revealed audacious deviltry such as no man would care to see in one to whom he intrusted the welfare of sister or wife.

"Sergeant," I asked, flinging aside the improvised brush, "how far do you suppose we are from Longstreet's

"Ten miles at the very best, sir," the answered promptly, "an' I reckon with another Yankee outpost atween." "With fair luck and good riding it might be made by daylight?"

"I reckon as how it might, captain, If we only bed sum fresh hosses," he said glumly; "but it's bin mighty hard on my nag; I've looked fer him to roll over like yer sorrel did fer the las' two mile.

"Well, Craig, you shall have both borses. Ride the woman's. It is the fresher of the two; but you are to aget through if you kill them both and then walk."

Vilis tace brightened, and he raised ris band in salute.

"And you?" he asked, wonderingty. "I remain with the woman: there is no other way. Wait here a moment while I speak with her."

t left him standing there, and moved tack to where she waited. As I came ap she faced me, and for the first time effor the night had lightened some what) I could see her eyes and discorn some faint outline of her face where the night wind flung back the epturned cape. It was a winsome sight to soldier vision, but with a cervain semblance of pride and reserve about it that caused a hesitancy in my speech strange to me.

"Madam,"-I rested my hand upon mer horse's mane and looked at her with a glance as proud as her own-



"Let Me Go With You."

"it might be as well for you to draw beauty a lawless prize. The life we wirtue is not born in camps, and it ger which may be so easily avoided."
"You claimed, I believe, to be an

officer and a gentleman,", she said I soilled, even as I felt the full

entil of her words, and my purpose "Even as I yet claim, and trust to outlaw, any dark ravine the render able to prove to your satisfaction." your of as wild a gang as ever murto able to prove to your entirefaction." your of as wild a -any eyes looked untalteringly into dered for plunder.

MY LADY OF THE NORTH The Love Story of A GRAY JACKET

Author of WHEN WILDERNESS WAS KING TO ILLUSTRATIONS BY ARTHURT. WILLIAMSON

you to go to them you might be sim-

"But could you not go with me?"

I smiled at the naive innocence of

"I wish you to feel that I have

"But would it be a pleasure

never thought so much about my own

danger as about yours," I returned

even to you to behold me swinging

from the limb of a tree, hung as a

spy without trial, merely because I

ventured to walk with you into a Fed-

I could see her eyes now resting

full upon me, and much of the hard-

ness and doubt seemed to have gone

out of them as she scanned my un-

covered features in the dim light. I

scarcely think I was ever considered

a handsome man even by my friends,

but I was young then, frank of tace,

with that about me which easily in-

spired confidence, and it did me good

to note how her eyes softened, and to

"Your words yield me new heart," I

voice as she cried impulsively:

"Oh, no! Not that!"

eral camp?"

ply walking into a den of wolves."

with me tonight who is neither. The story opens in a Confederate tent at a crifical stage of the Civil War. Gen. Lee imparts to Capt. Wayne an important message to Longstreet. Accompanied by Sergt. Crais, an old army scout, Wayne starts on his mission. The two, after a wild ride, get within the lines of the esemy. In the darkness, Wayne is taken for a Federal officer who came to keep an appointment, and a young lady on horse-back is given in his charge. She is a contribute of the long tree in the control of the large in would that he were for my own sake. the White Briar." protected to the mercles of the

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"You are exceedingly kind." The tone in which she spoke was nost sarcastic.

wolves who haunt these hills."

"I thank you for your approbation." and I bowed again; "but I venture to tell you this merely because I have already fully determined to dispatch the sergeant forward with the message, and remain behind myself to render you every protection possible."

"Very well, sir; I simply yield to what I am powerless to avoid, and will obey your orders however distasteful they may be. What is your first command?"

"That you dismount. The sergeant must ride your horse, as he is the more fit of the two."

Greatly to my surprise and relief she placed her gauntleted hand in mine, and, without so much as a word of protest, permitted me to swing her lightly from the saddle to the ground. "Craig," I called, "come here.

"You know your work," I said to him briefly. "And now the sooner you are at it the better. Ride this horse and lead your own. As soon as mark the perceptible tremor in her you deliver Lee's message at headquarters, hunt up the cavalry brigade commander and report to him my position. Get a detail, insist upon one, and be back here by to-morrow without fail. That is all.'

He saluted, wheeled about, swung lightly into saddle and rode off on a rapid trot, grasping, as he passed down the hill, the rein of his own mount, and leading it, lagging behind him, until the night swallowed the figures, and even the sound of the hoof-beats could be no longer beard. We were alone.

CHAPTER VI.

A Struggle in the Dark.

I have seldom been more deeply embarrassed than at that moment. I knew not what to say or now best to approach this young woman, left so strangely to my protection. The very fact, which I now realized, that she was both young and fair, added some indefinite burden and complicated the delicate situation. I saw no safety for us but in careful hiding until Craig could return, a squad of hardriding troopers at his back. To permit the girl to venture forward alone through the desolate country we were in, overrun as I knew it to be by irregular bands whose sole purpose was plunder, and whose treatment of women had made my blood run cold as listened to its recital, was not to be

so much as thought of. There was no help for it, and but one way out, disagreeable as that might prove to my lady. She stood there before me, motionless and stlent as a statue, exactly where she had alighted when the sergeant took her horse, and it seemed to me I could plainly read righteous indignation in the indistinct outline of her figure and the haughty pose of her head. To her at that moment I was evidently a most disagreeable and even hated companion, a "Rebel," the being of all others she had been taught to despise, the enemy of all she held sacred. any good thing come out of Nazareth?

"The time has come when it be comes my duty to look after your comfort and safety," I said, striking to disguise all self-consciousness. "Every moment we delay now merely increases the danger of our remaining

"I imagine I might very easily dispense with any further care on your part."

Her reply nettled me, and I answered with an earnestness which she could neither ignore nor check: "Possibly you may think so, but if you do it is merely because of your utter ignorance of the disorganized conditions which prevail in these mountains. Your pride is almost ridiculous under all the circumstances. You have no just cause to feel that I am forcing myself unnecessarily upon you. Our being compelled to take you in charge has proven as disastrous to us as to you. Personally I can say that nothing will relieve me more than to be able to place you uninjured into the willingly assume great risks to that end. But while you remain here and in my care, I shall perform my full duty toward you as though you were my own sister. Now please listen to me, and I assure you I shall speak nothing for the mere purpose of alarm ing you, but simply that you may better comprehend the facts which must influence our present relationship. I have sent forward Sergeant Craig with the message especially intrusted to me for delivery, and thus, if it fails to reach its destination, I have laid myself open to the charge of a grave military crime. In doing this the cape closer about your face at I have not only periled my own future, There are rough men in all but the lives of my comrades and the armies who would consider your faith of my commander. Yet I have deliberately chosen to do so because dead is not conducive to gentleness; I feel the impossibility of leaving you here unprotected, and because I was

unwilling to trust you slone with my

companion. I dere not permit you to

traverse these roads alone. The mountains all about us, deserted as they

hands of desperate and hunted men whose tenderest mercy is death. Any rock may be the hiding place of an

now appear, are filled with wandering

Let me go with you, if you must

tle-used path lending in among the

I Federal picket post at the crossing of drew near. As I paused a moment bemight listen for any possible sound within, I could hear her quick breathing, as though the terror of the moyou that we ride with dispatches for no positive means of knowing that the ment had driven all else from her mind. The wooden latch yielded readily enough to my pressure, and man lives depend upon them; yet I thieving, murdering bands—such as pushing wide open the door, which creaked slightly upon its rusty hinges, stepped across the puncheon thresyou may have heard-are sufficiently hold onto the hard earthen floor. There organized to keep patrols posted, and may, indeed, be utilized at times by was no window visible, and the slight both armies for that purpose. Were

reflection of moonlight which crept in through the doorway scarcely revealed the nature of that dark interior. I could dimly perceive what I believed to be a table directly in front of me, while certain other indistinct and Ill defined shadows might be chairs pushed back against the wall. At least this room was without occupants; yet it was with every sense alert that I entered, pressing slowly past the table toward where I felt the fireplace would naturally be, knowing that my companion was yet with me, her hand

clutching my arm. "Oh!" she cried sharply in terror, what was that?"

it was something certainly-a deadened, muffled, shuffling sound directly in our front, followed by a strange noise of scraping, as if with a dull knife on wood.

"Wait here," I said sternly. "Probably it is nothing more dangerous than a rat."

I felt my way carefully around the table, a revolver ready in my hand. There was nothing to be found there -nothing, indeed, in the room; for from my new position I could look replied fervently, determined, now backward and distinguish in the moonthat ice was partially broken, to per- light the details of that simple, mit no excuse for its again forming, squalld interior. I ran my hands



There Burst a Vivid Flash of Flame Within a Foot of My Face.

situation you will certainly feel that wall. Ay! here was a break, doubtam merely endeavoring to perform less a door; and groping along the

"I will, of course, bow to the inevitable, sir," she said, "and shall en- audible, and I drew the door inward, deavor to adapt myself to the require- never dreaming of danger. Suddenly, ments of my unfortunate situation. with a fierce, wild spring out of the now propose to do?"

til the dense darkness at the foot of table, then to the floor, dropping my the steep defile shrouded everything weapon as I fell. There was no noise far below. On the opposite side stood hot fire into my very face. With a

trees overhanging the road, and beast jerked free from my grip, and through the waving leaves the moonlight checkered the ground with sii- fangs, deep and hard, into the flesh seemed to flow back up the steep side care of your own people. I would of the mountain, thick with underbrush. Just below us, and possibly fifty feet from the highway, I could perceive a small one-story log cabin, as slient, gloomy, and deserted to all outward appearance as were the somber woods of which it formed a part.

"There seems small choice," I said, speaking as cheerfully as possible. But I propose to investigate the log but yonder, and learn if it may not afford some degree of shelter. If you will rest here, in the shadow of these trees, I will soon discover whether it

has inmates or not." She followed me in silence across the road to the spot designated, but as . I turned to leave her seated upon the grass, and well protected from prying eyes, she hurried quickly after me, and in her sgitation so far forgot herself as to touch my sleeve with her

"Oh, please do not leave me bere alone. I am not naturally timid, yet everything is so gloomy I cannot stand-

Most assuredly you shall if you desire," I returned heartily.

There appeared before us a dim, itt-

for if you but once fully realize our lalong the rough logs of the further crack I found the latch.

There was no longer any noise May I venture to inquire what you dark, a huge body hurled itself directly at my throat, striking with such To the right of where we stood the headlong impetus that I went background sloped rapidly downward un ward as if shot, crashing against the from view. The descent appeared no sound, while for an instant, with rocky and impracticable, and I could strength of sheer desperation, I held distinguish the sound of rapid water back the snapping jaws that breathed a dense wood, the outer fringe of bound backward of its great body the the pext instant had sunk its dripping ver, while the dense mass beyond of my shoulder. As the intense pain shot through me, my right driven with all the force I could muster, caught the monster once, twice, tighter those clinched jaws locked, until it seemed as if every bone be tween them must be ground to powder. Even as I grasped the lower jaw, seeking vainly to wrench loose, I heard the girl scream in sudden afright.

"Quick!" I gasped desperately. Get my revolver there on the floor, and use it-but for God's sake keep

down; don't let the brute see you." She must have heard, but there was no response, although her crying ceased. Yet my own struggle to rid myself of that crushing weight and those fron jaws drowned all other sounds, drove all other thoughts from me. Every muscle of my body begar to weaken from the strain, my eyes blurred, faintness swept over me, I felt my brain reeling, when there burst a vivid flash of flame within a foot of my face, singeing my fore port, and the huge brute sprang back-ward with a snarl of pain, his teeth clicking together like cogs of steel Then he stiffened and fell prone across me, a dead, inert weight, pinning me breathless to the floor. For the moment I could do no more



hers-"but unfortunately, I have one; "But the Sergeant said there was a grew even more uninviting as we than lie there helpless, gasping for breath, scarce conscious even of my fore the closed door, in order that I deliverance. Then, as sufficient strength returned for action, I rolled the body of the dead brute off me. and lifting myself by aid of the wall against which my head rested, looked about. Two broken chairs overturned upon the floor, and the shapeless, huddled body of my late assailant, alone spoke of the violence of that deadly struggle; but the cabin was yet full of smoke, and I could perceive the figure of the girl leaning against the frame of the open door, the revolver still grasped in her hand. Her posture was that of a frightened deer, as her terror-filled eyes sought the dark interior.

> "It is sa'ely over." I said weakly for my breath yet came to me in fasps. "The brute is dead."

> I could scarcely mark her coming across the narrow streak of moon light, moving toward me as a frightened bird might, startled at everything and passing as far from the lifeless mass on the floor as the small space would allow. As she bent anxiously over me her face was so in shadow that I could distinguish nothing of its features.

"What is it? Are you indeed severe ly hurt?"

"Not seriously, I think, yet I have lost some blood, and am in great pain. There is brandy in the inner pocket of my tacket, but I am unable to move my arm in order to reach it. Would you endeavor to draw the flask

I felt her bend over me, her soft breath coming almost in sobs upon my face, as with trembling fingers she undid the buttons of my trooper's jacket and extracted the small flat flask I had been thoughtful enough to store away there.

The fiery liquid seemed to put new blood into my veins, and with it there returned all my old-time audacity, with that intense hopefulness in which I had been trained by years of war and self-reliance.

"I trust you realize," I said, "that I am neither thoughtless nor ungrateful. Years of war service make one careless of life, but I know it was your shot that saved me. You are a brave girl."

Her overtaxed nerves gave way at my words, and I knew she was crying softly. The sobbing was in her voice as she strove to speak.

"Oh, no, I am not; you do no guess how great a coward I am. I scarcely knew what I was doing when I fired. That horrid thing-what was

"A huge mastiff, I imagine; one of the largest of his breed. But whatever it may have been, the beast is dead, and we have nothing more to fear from him."

"Yet I tremble so," she confessed, almost hysterically. "Every shadow

I realized that no amount of conversation would quiet her nerves so effectively as some positive action; besides, I felt the hot blood constantly trickling down my arm, and realized that something needed to be done at once to stanch its flow, before weakness should render me equally useless.

"Do you think you could build a fire on the hearth yonder?" I asked. "I am afraid I am hardly capable of helping you as yet; but we must have light in this gloomy old hole, or it is bound to craze us both. Take those broken chairs if you find noth-

She instantly did as I bade her moving here and there about the room until she gathered together the materials necessary, but keeping care fully away from where the dead dog lay, until in a brief space of time the welcome flame leaped up in the wide black chimney, and cast its red glare all over the little room The activity did her good, the light flooding the gloomy apartment yielded renewed courage, and there war a cheerier sound in her voice as she came back

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

PRINCE A LITERARY LUNATIC Has Written Forty Volumes No One Will Buy-Now He Is a Pauper.

Prince Ferdinando Alfonso De Liruori, a scion of one of Italy's oldest families, was recently arrested in Rome for being unable to settle a cab He has had a remarkable his-

Naples, which shows that the title conferred upon his ancestors was a Bour-One of the prince's sisters keeps a book shop in Milan, a brother commit-

His name is ta the gold book of

Prince Fedinando is well known in the United States. At the age of twenty-five he emigrated to the new world and enlisted under the Stars and Stripes. Returning to Italy he married a Russian woman of great wealth, but a divorce followed and

e was thrown once more on his own He then appears to have become literary lunatic, publishing book after ook, regardless of expense and the mockery which attended his ridio ulous efforts as a novelist. In this manner more than forty volumes were placed upon the market and if a fev thousand copies were sold in all that

He then tried to enter a monastery but the pope prevented this move. He is now, as indicated by his arrest, in a state of abject poverty.

was the limit.

An appropriation of \$250,000 to con plete the work of raising the wrech of the battleship Maine from the Ha vana harbor is authorized in the deficiency bill. The sum of \$650,000 has already been expended in clearing Havana harbor of the Maine wreck The deficiency bill contains a provison authorizing the secretaries of war and navy to donate parts of the wreck to any municipality, naval association or society or to the former offficers or members of the crew of the Maine or their heirs or representatives.

The house was treated to an unusual incident when Speaker Clark presented Suydenham E. Ancona of Pennsylvania, a Democratic member of the house when the civil war broke out in 1861. The \$7-year-old legislative veteran was given an ovation. The house took a recess of ten minutes in his honor while all its mem-bers passed before him, shook his hand and said a pleasant word.

President Taft is anxious the bodies of a number of sailors found in the wreck of the Maine, who are soon to be brought north, shall be interred with all possible dignity. He has written a letter to Secretary Meyer expressing the wish that, if possible, the bodies be brought from Havana on one of the large vessels of the navy, convoyed by another vessel.

Investigation of charges of oppres sion, negligence and indifference to the well re and comfort of inmates of the national soldiers' home near Los Angeles, Cal., was urged, and millionaires who make benefactions conditioned upon the heralding of their names were arraigned in the senate in a speech by Works of California.

The house passed without a roll call and practically without opposition the eight-hour bill unanimously reported by the committee on labor. The bill provides that no workingman shall be required to work more than eight hours by contractor or subcontractor while employed on government work.

Brig. Gen. Crozier, chief of ordnance, told the committee on military affairs that the United States has sufficient ammunition in reserve to supply the army, navy and militia for three and one-half years. This reserve stock is carried as an insurance against war and is constantly added to.

Representative Austin of Tennessee introduced a bill appropriating \$150,000 for the relief of the sufferers from the mine explosion at Briceville, in that state, December 9. The bill specifically authorizes the secretary of war to expend the money in his discretion for the relief of the suffer-

The Cummins' bill, to give right of appeal from the decree in the American Tobacco company reorganization case to the supreme court of the United States, was discussed in the senate committee on the judiciary and referred to a subcommittee

With decreases in the production in eleven important farm products, not including cotton, the total value of these crops this year reached the total of \$3,769,562,000, according to the final estimate announced by the depart-

ment of agriculture. Representative Rubey of Missouri introduced a bill striking at the an He would reduce the allowance of 20

cents a mile to 10 cents a mile for the round trip from their homes to Washington each session. The president and Mrs. Taft enter-

tained the members of the cabinet and their wives at dinner. Several members of both houses of congress also were guests. After the dinner a musicale was given in the White House parlors.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, favors the restoration of the canteen to army posts. He declares in his annual report that the concensus of opinion in the army is that the canteen should be re-estab-

lished. President Taft's letter of transmittal accompanying the report of the Vreeland commission, which recently established that the battleship Maine was destroyed by an explosion from the outside, was read.

Senator Penrose presented a bill to provide a six-day week, an eight-hour day and extra pay for overtime for mail carriers in city delivery service, and clerks in first and second class postoffices.

Representative Mondell addressed the house at length on the necessity for a vigorous anti-trust program, such as President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham are not prosecuting.

Senator William Lorimer's appear ance before the Dillingham special committee of the senate was postponed until after the Christmas holiday recess of congress.

A bill providing for the refund of the "cotton tax" was introduced by Representative Oldfield of Arkansas.

Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania told the steel trust investigators that much of Andrew Carnegie's great prosperity was due to "secret rates' or rebates. The senator testified that the rates on ore in the Pittsburg district now are entirely too high, and that the steel trust benefits accord-

Senator Cullom of Illinois intro duced a bill to give Mrs. John R. Tanner, widow of Gov. Tanner, a pension of \$50 a month. Mrs. Tanner was the second wife of Gov. Tanner and now lives in Springfield, Ill.

The crop reporting system em ployed by the United States depart ent of agriculture is "lar in advance of that of any other country," in the pinion of Victor H. Olmsted, chief statistician of the department, as expressed in his annual report just is

Existing freight rates on furniture from North Carolina and South Caro ling to Pacific coast terminals of \$1.70 per 100 pounds were attacked before the interstate commerce commission by the Southern Furniture Manufac-

## MISSOURI NEWS

ITINERANT VENDOR HARD HIT.

New State Law Appears to Have Stopped Business.

Jefferson City.-The itinerant vendor law passed by the last legislature, requiring all persons who propose to engage in the character of business which falls within the purview of this enactment, to deposit \$500 with the secretary of state in the nature of a bond, and to pay \$25 annually for a license, threatens to put the itinerant merchant out of business altogether

Not a single license has been issued by the secretary o' state, although there have been a few inquiries about the license fee, the bond and other phases of the law. The retail merchants of St. Louis and other large cities drafted the measure, and it passed the legislature and was signed by the governor.

The law was intended primarily to restrict the operations of persons engaged in so-called "assignment," "fire and water" and "bankrupt" sales of merchandise. The law requires the itinerant vendor to state under oath to the secretary of state the character of the sale, and its cause, including the names of the companies, firms or individuals from whom he obtained the merchandise.

CROPS IN YEAR ARE SURPRISE.

Despite Deficient Rainfall the Total Ranks High With Profits.

Columbia.—The value of Missouri farm crops for 1911 is \$188,091,451, according to T. C. Wilson, secretary of the state board of agriculture. In this total, corn, wheat, oats, tame hay and forage, prairie hay, flax, rye, buckwheat, barley, broom corn, cotton, potatoes, tobacco, sorghum seed, sorghum syrup, clover seed, timothy seed. Kaffir corn, millet, cowpeas, castor beans and vegetables are included.

When it is remembered the season of 1911 was generally deficient in rainfall, the total is gratifying. Wherever persistent cultivation could be used it was resorted to, with excellent results. This is especially true of the corn crop, the yield of which does not fall far under 200,000,000 bushels. The wheat yield represents an increase of almost 10,000,000 bushels over 1910.

FULTON CARRIED BY WETS.

Negro Ward, Formerly Dry, Returns Big Saloon Majority.

Fulton.-The wets carried Fulton by a majority of 130. The vote was

540 to 410. Every ward in the city was carried by the anti-prohibitionists. In the First ward, largely populated by negroes, the majority for saloons was 101. The wets conducted their campaign so quietly that the drys, up to

noon election day, were confident they would win. Four years ago the negroes voted with the drys, and the local option people had declared all along that they would line up for their cause

again at this election.

Police Prevent a Lynching. Chillicothe.-The feeling in Chillicothe still is strong against Gordon Kyles, the negro alleged to have stabbed to death John Watts, a white man, in front of the Watts home. The quickness of the officers probably saved the negro from being lynched. He was placed in fail before the people knew of the arrest. A mob gathered, but no attempt was made to take Kyles. Kyles carried a shotgun, revolver and a butcher knife. What led to the killing is not known. Kyles

refuses to make a statement.

Historical Society Elects Trustees. Columbia.-At the annual meeting of the Historical society the following members of the board of trustees were elected: George B. Wright, Kansas City; W. L. Robertson, Gallatin; William L. Thomas, Maplewood; W. K. James, St. Joseph; H. C. Bell, Potosi; John F. Philips, Kansas City; W. O. L. Jewett, Shelton; John E. Organ, Salem; William Southern, Jr.,

Auto Tags Good Till February. Jefferson City.-Secretary of State Roche wants the 17,000 owners of automobiles in Missouri to understand that the license plates they now have will be valid until the first day of February, 1912, and that under no circumstances can a 1912 license be used prior to that date.

Independence.

Col. L. H. Murray Is Dead. Springfield .- Col. L. H. Murray, aged 76, president of the Merchants' National bank of Springfield and long dentified with public enterprises, died after a month's illness with a complication of diseases. Col. Murray was born in Franklin county, Mo.

Missouri Turkeys 15 Cents a Pound. Montgomery City.-A drove of 414 turkeys for the holiday trade, brought overland on snow-clad roads from Mineola sold for 15 cents a pound, the total weight being 6.175 pounds. The turkeys were on the road two days.

Gives \$7,500 for Nurses' Home. Hannibal.-A. R. Levering has given \$7,500 for the erection of a home for nurses of the Levering hospital here. Mr. Levering in 1902 gave \$35,000 for tife building of the hospital.

Red Cross Seal Sales 20,000,000. Columbia.—A telegram from New York to Dr. W. McN. Miller, secretary of the Missouri Association for the Relief and Control of Tuberculosis, says 29,000,000 Red Cross seals have en sold to date.

Montgomery City Showhouse Opens. Montgomery City.—The new thea-ter, built by Mayor J. E. Shadwick, called "The Princess," was opened with a popular entertainment, includ-ing vocal and instrumental music and oving pictures.